Postal Absentee Voting

Voters may request a postal absentee ballot for the immediate upcoming election at any time. Ballots, however, will not be mailed earlier than 60 days before a General Election, 50 days before a Primary Election, and 30 days before a Municipal Election. **Regardless of the method used to request an absentee ballot, state law requires that the ballot be mailed from our office.**

HOW DO I REQUEST A POSTAL ABSENTEE BALLOT?

Submit a request in writing
The voter, a near relative*, or legal guardian submits a handwritten request that includes the following:
   a) Request statement ("I am requesting an absentee ballot for the _____ Election.")
      ➔ If the request is for a Primary Election, the party with which the voter is affiliated should be listed. If the voter is unaffiliated, the name of the authorizing political party in whose primary he/she wishes to vote should be listed.
   b) Name of the voter
   c) Date of birth of the voter
   d) Residential address of the voter
   e) The address to which the ballot should be mailed, if different
   f) Daytime phone number
   g) Signature of the voter, near relative, or legal guardian
      ➔ For a request submitted by a near relative or legal guardian, the following must also be included:
         a) Printed name of the near relative or legal guardian
         b) Relationship to the voter
         c) Mailing address of the near relative or legal guardian

Complete an Absentee Request Form
The form is available only from the Brunswick County Board of Elections office. The form may be:
   a) picked up in person at the Board of Elections office
   b) mailed to the voter, near relative, or legal guardian

* NCGS 163-230.1(f) defines a near relative as one of the following: spouse, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, stepparent, stepchild, parent-in-law, daughter-in-law, or son-in-law.

Return the request to the Board of Elections office
The written request or Absentee Request Form may be:
   a) Returned by mail to PO Box 2, Bolivia, NC, 28422
   b) Returned by fax to (910) 253-2618
   c) Returned by e-mail as a scanned attachment to sknotts@brunsco.net.

Postal Absentee Voting Deadlines
Postal absentee ballot requests must be received in the Board of Elections office by 5:00 pm on the Tuesday before the election.